

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Williams House, J. Windsor Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 12600 Fingerboard Road (MD 80)

North side Rt. 80, east part of

6th F.D. 9

CITY, TOWN

Kempton

VICINITY OF Kempton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Map 98 P54

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Francis J. Davidson, III

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4900 Jamestown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

20016

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 643

Folio #: 162

STREET &amp; NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

F-7-114

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED			

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Williams House is a two and one half story ell shaped cross gabled frame house which faces south from the north side of Route 80.

It is a private single ownership residence that is detached from any other residence but is related to one small outbuilding and a windmill to the rear. The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance, a four panel door with three light transom overhead and on either side of the door, occupies the fourth bay. An eight step entrance porch with wooden railing and ornamental lattice work extends from the fourth and fifth bay on the front of the building. A three bay window occupies the first three bays on the first and second level. Two 2/2 windows with symmetrically molded trim and corner blocks with louvered shutters are located on the first level in the first and third bays; double narrow 1/1 windows with louvered shutters and identical trim are located in the second and fifth bays. Smaller 2/2 windows with louvered shutters and identical trim are located in the first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth bays in the second level. A narrow double 1/1 window with louvered shutters is located in the second bay on the second level. A cross gable extends over the three bay window; another gable is located over the fifth bay of the second level. Each gable is decorated with fish scale framework. The asphalt roof is connected with a boxed cornice with return decorative scrolls and verge boards in the gables. One 2/2 window with louvered shutters is located on each level on the east side, a small 1/1 window is centered in the gable which is decorated with fish scale framework.

The north side of the main part of the house has one 2/2 window with louvered shutters in the first bay on each level. An enclosed screen porch extends from the rear along the east side of the north "ell" extension. Two 2/2 windows, one with a missing shutter are located on the second level of the extension. The rear portion is a two story addition which is original to the house and was probably used as servant's quarters. On the north side of this addition, one 2/2 window with louvered shutters is located on the first level and one small 1/1 window is centered in the gable. The north side of the rear extension of the main building is covered with asphalt siding; a small 2/2 window is located in the gable.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J. Windsor Williams

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Williams House is a good example of carpenter gothic architecture with its intricately sawn lattice work on the porches, and scrolls and verge boards in the gables. The large bayed extension on the front of the house is probably left over from the Queen Anne period.

The house was built around 1905 by J. Windsor Williams, who bought the land from Anna and Thomas Baller in 1904.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Williams was a prominent citizen of Kemptown who owned a farm supply store which sold horsedrawn plows and fertilizer. The store, which is no longer standing was located across Route 80 to the east of the house. The house remained in the Williams family until 1960. It is still in use as a single family dwelling today.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records Liber STH 267  
Folio 236

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Historic Preservation

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## The Williams House - Description (continued)

Three single brick chimneys straddle the gables on the north, west, and south part of the building. The main section of the house is built on a high random stone foundation except for the bayed section of the house which is built on brick. A small frame outbuilding is located east of the building. A windmill lies directly to the north.

Kemptown Survey District  
Frederick County

Survey No. F-7-41

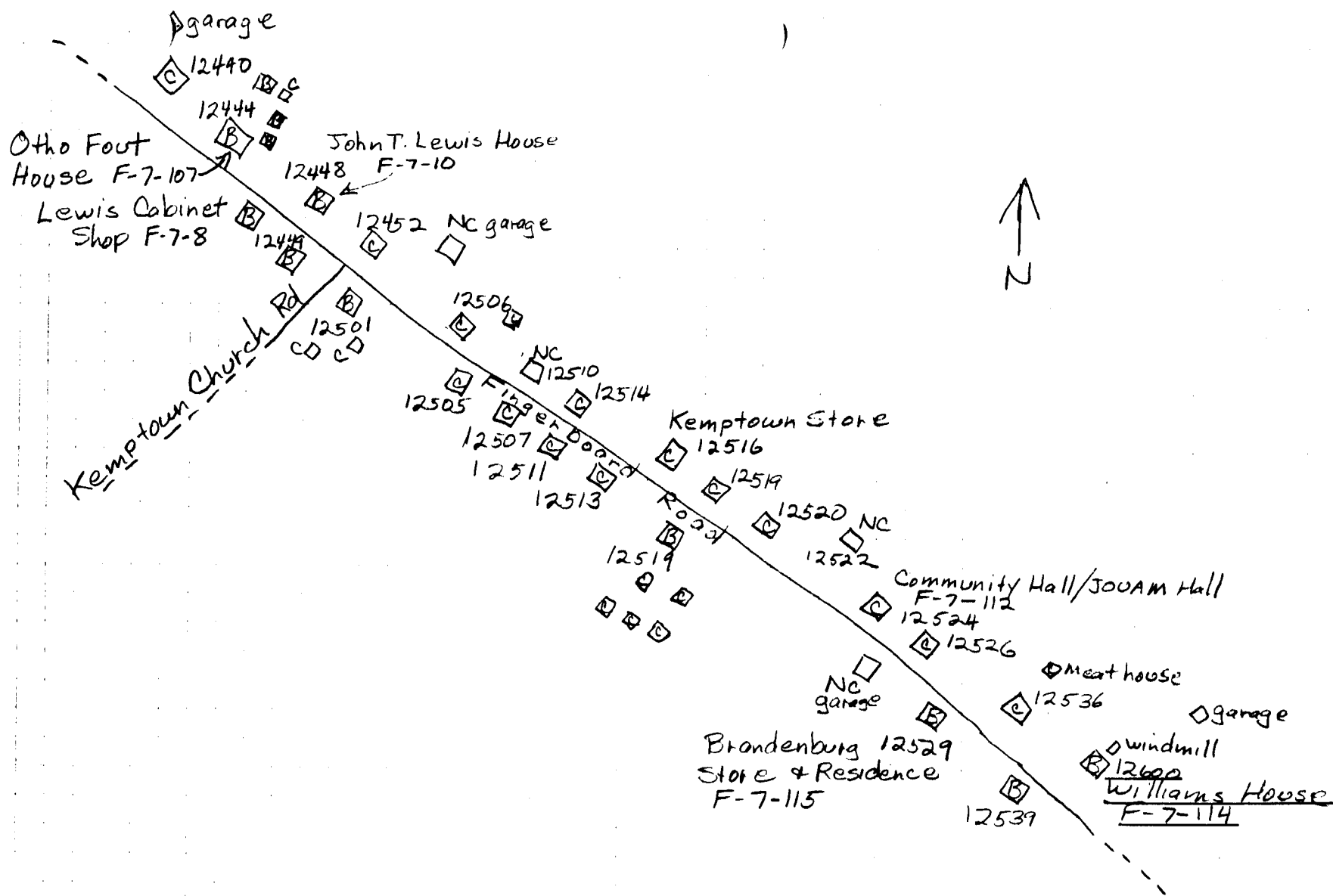
### 7.3 Description (Continued)

a smaller gable. In the main gables just below the diagonals are a pair of multiple-paned square windows. The use of varied window styles in a single structure is also a common characteristic of the Queen Anne style. When sold to Washington's wife Susannah (spelled Luanah in some records) in 1893 as a result of a family dispute between Boyer and the Days, the property had a frame stable, meat house, and carriage house. These structures remain in a group just south of the house, along with several other sheds which were apparently built as part of a poultry supply business operated in the 1920's by a subsequent owner, Warren Davis.

Kemptown Community Hall/J.O.U.A.M. Hall (F-7-112), 12524 Fingerboard: The one-story frame, gable-front building has been a residence since 1956. It has vinyl siding and a corrugated metal roof. The south elevation has three bays with paired modern windows flanking the center entrance under a small canopy hood. A 2/2 pointed-arch window is in the front gable. Additions have also been made to the rear elevation. The building was erected in 1899 by the Kemptown Hall Company. It was used as a community hall and a fraternal lodge, the Independent Order of Good Templars. In 1915, the building was sold to the Junior Order of American Mechanics #195. In 1940, the Providence Methodist Church bought the building for use as a community activities building and was the site of church suppers, receptions, plays, and concerts. Stephen Galley, a former pastor of the church, converted the building to a residence in 1956.

Brandenburg Store and Residence (F-7-115), 12529 Fingerboard: The two-story frame house with three bays and a cross gable has an adjoining flat-roofed two-story frame store building. Both sections have german siding and entry porches over the center entrance to each sections. The windows are 2/2 and the gable of the house has a shingled face and dentil cornice with a central pointed arch window. The roof of the house is composition, with an off-center chimney. The doorway has a transom and sidelights and a four-panel door. The store section has three bays on the first story and two on the second. The door is a modern replacement, with a plain transom above. The dentil cornice of the house is repeated on the cornice of the store. The two parts were built about 1900, possibly by Oscar and Mary (Mollie) Brandenburg who operated the store until about the late 1930's.

J. Windsor Williams House (F-7-114), 12600 Fingerboard: The two-story Queen Anne style house was built about 1904-1905 by Williams, the owner of a farm supply store which formerly stood on Fingerboard Road east of the boundary of the survey district, the Williams House being the last building on the east end of the district. The house has an irregular facade with a projecting gable section on the west end over a polygonal two-story bay. The three-bay adjoining east section has a narrower gable. A one-story porch with a turned spindle frieze extends across the three-bay part. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. The roof is covered with composition material and the siding is german. A decorative bargeboard edges the soffit of the projecting gable and the face of the gable itself is covered with pressed metal. A two-story rear wing extends behind the house. Immediately behind the wing is a metal windmill which is visible from the road above the ridge of the house. A frame meat house with german siding and a frame garage are also on the property.



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Kemptown Survey District  
Frederick County

Janet Davis  
Oct. 22, 1993 Not to Scale

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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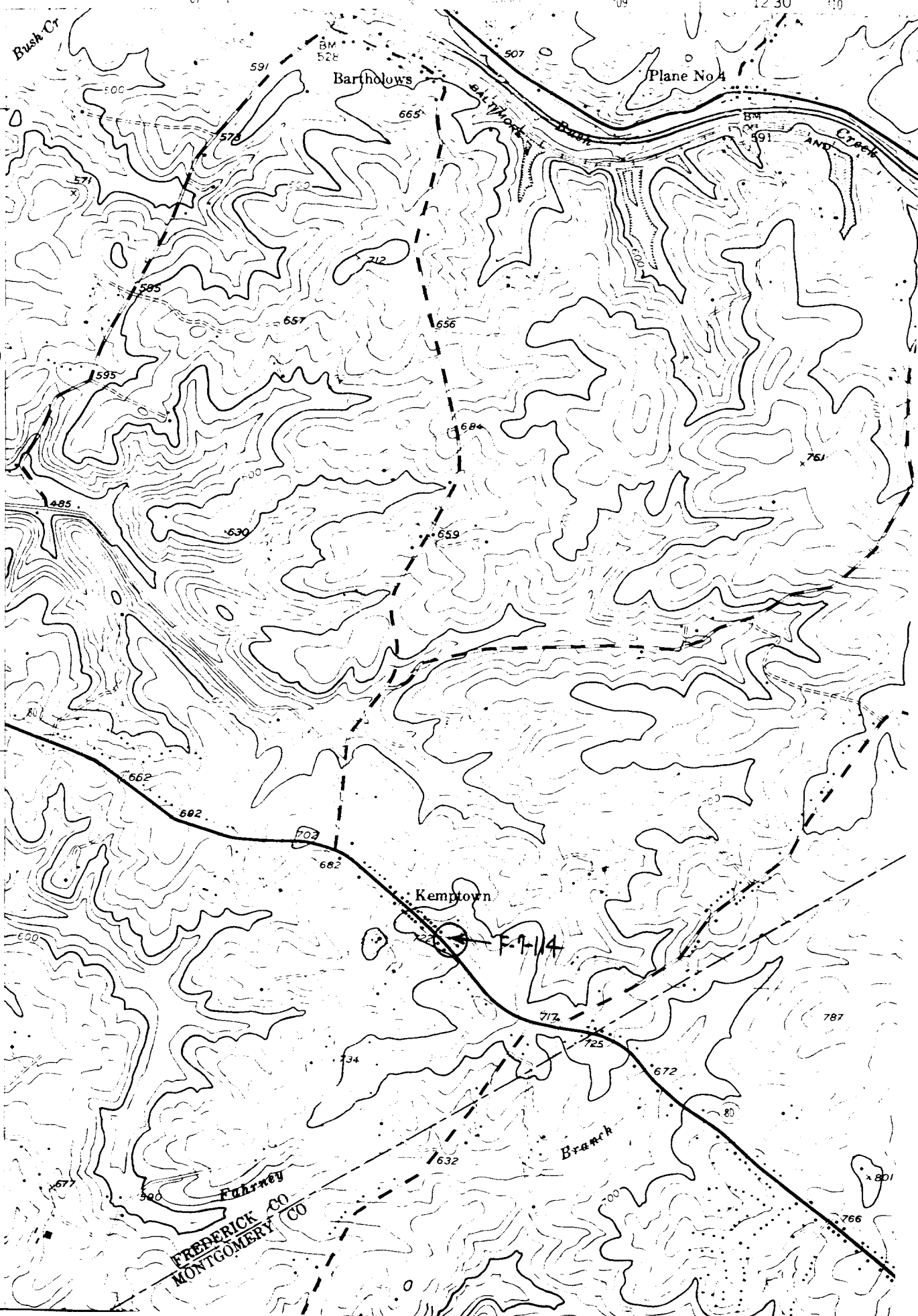
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BUCKEYSTOWN 12 MI  
URBANA 6.4 MI







NW VIEW

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WILLIAMS HOUSE

Cherilyn Widell



SE VIEW

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WILLIAMS HOUSE

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NE VIEW

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